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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YEUTTER MEETING WITH AGRICULTURE MINISTER ABE,
JULY 30

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH MINISTER ABE, AMB YEUTTER EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN ABOUT JAPAN'S REMAINING QRS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WHILE RECOGNIZING SENSITIVITY OF THESE ISSUES, YEUTTER SUGGESTED QRS MERIT SPECIAL ATTENTION BY MAF WHICH WILL HAVE TO REACH A DECISION BEFORE THE END OF MTN. ABE FELT QRS WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO REDUCE, BUT WILL STUDY THEM CAREFULLY. HE ASKED FOR YEUTTER'S SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING OF AGRICULTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB YEUTTER MET WITH JAPANESE AGRICULTURE MINISTER ABE ON JULY 30 TO DISCUSS MTN AND BILATERAL TRADE QUESTIONS. AFTER EMPHASIZING MAJOR INTEREST RE REMAINING QRS OF JAPAN, YEUTTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MAF SUPPORT ON THE CITRUS

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FUNGICIDE ISSUE. HE BRIEFLY OUTLINED THE EXCELLENT U.S. CROP

PROSPECTS FOR THIS YEAR AND ALSO TOUCHED ON THE USSR SITUATION AND W. EUROPEAN DROUGHT. YEUTTER STRONGLY ADVOCATED THAT JAPAN SPEND LESS ON ITS OWN PRODUCTION WHICH HAS AN ENORMOUS COST AND INSTEAD, WITH U.S. ASSURANCES AS A DEPENDABLE SUPPLIER, BUY MORE FROM U.S. HE SAID THIS WOULD HELP BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. HE FURTHER SAID THAT JAPAN SHOULD CERTAINLY KEEP A STRONG BASIC AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE FOR THE PRODUCTS JAPAN CAN GROW QUITE WELL AND EFFICIENTLY.

3. MIN ABE POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. ASSERTION OF JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES OUT TO A 200-MILE LIMIT IS A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR JAPAN. HE APPRECIATED YEUTTER'S COMMENTS THAT REFLECTED A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S PROBLEMS. MEETING ADJOURNED ON A FRIENDLY NOTE.

4. IN FOLLOWING LUNCH WHICH DIR GEN YOSHIOKA AND MAKI OF GATTA/MAF DIVISION JOINED, DISCUSSION OF ILLEGAL QRS CONTINUED. THIS GROUP OF INTENATIONALLY ORIENTED SPECIALISTS TOOK SOMEWHAT MORE OPEN ATTITUDE TOWARD NEED TO DEVISE ALTERNATIVES FOR QRS.
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